

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Delegation Executive Finance Committee
Date/Time: January 8, 2010 / 8:30 am
Place: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex
Commissioners Conference Room

Finance Committee Members Present: Rep. Suzanne Gottling, Rep. John Cloutier, Rep. Beverly Rodeschin, Philip "Joe" Osgood, Rep. James McClammer

EFC Members Absent: None

Other Delegation Members Present: None

Other Elected Officials and Other County Employees Present: County Administrator, Greg Chanis, Sullivan County Health Care Administrator, Ted Purdy

The Executive Finance Committee (EFC) Chair, Rep. Gottling called meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Rep. Osgood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rep. Rodeschin moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to approve minutes of October 30, 2009 meeting. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Chanis reviewed the first six months of FY 2010 distributions a 6-month expense analysis sheet with adjustments according to the sheet (See attached) the estimated Year To Date (YTD) surplus is \$370,398.

Next he reviewed an attached sheet with the total monthly real estate transfer commission and total monthly recording fees collected by the Registrar of Deeds in the first six months of FY 2010.

Mr. Chanis briefly reviewed federal stimulus funds (ARRA Funds) in the FY 2010 Budget that have helped county's overall financial balance, but he is not sure yet whether such funds will be included in FY 2011 Budget because county may not receive such funds.

Mr. Chanis left meeting at 8:48 am, and turned it over to Mr. Purdy.

High Sheriff Michael Prozzo briefly entered meeting at 8:51 am and exited at 8:52 am.

Mr. Purdy distributed census and revenue sheets for the second Quarter of FY 2010 and discussed Sullivan County Health Care's (SCHC) overall situation with EFC.

Mr. Chanis returned to meeting at 9:00am

Later Mr. Purdy discussed a 12-4-2009 packet of information he had distributed to the County Commissioners and Mr. Chanis describing the estimated total impact on SCHC

revenues of the \$8.80 decrease in Medicaid rates recently announced by the state government, and taking effect on 1-1-10.

Mr. Purdy's information stated that the decrease would result in a total revenue decrease for SCHC of \$213,613 in FY 2010 second half.

He also announced that since 12-8-09 that SCHC has stopped using agency-nursing services. Mr. Chanis then distributed a two-page update on the addition to the House of Corrections presently being constructed (Please See attached update: Sullivan County Community Corrections Center – Phase Two) Discussed and answered questions from the EFC on the addition which he estimates as of today should be completed by July or August 2010.

Next, he reviewed the 10-year debt schedule for repaying the money borrowed to pay for the addition's construction according to the schedule (see attached sheet) the total principal borrowed will be six million five hundred seventy four thousand dollars \$6,574,000.00 with total interest of one million three hundred twenty three thousand six hundred sixty seven dollars and seventy two cents \$1,323,667.72

Mr. Chanis added that DOC Superintendent Ross Cunningham is now having problems with staffing. In other words, keeping and hiring qualified applicants.

Next he distributed a proposed timeline (see attached sheet) for consideration and approval of the FY 2011 Budget.

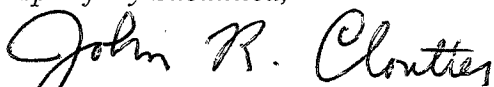
Rep. Cloutier reminded EFC and Mr. Chanis that the delegation needs to set the elected county official's salaries this year as part of the budget process. Mr. Chanis said the salaries need to be set before 6-2-10 when the filing period for such offices opens. The EFC Chair indicated that the EFC will likely make recommendations on such salaries, subject to final approval by the full delegation as was done the last time in 2008.

The EFC tentatively agreed to set its next scheduled meeting for Monday March 8, 2010 at 8:30 am.

Rep. Rodeschin reminded EFC that we all invited to meet with The New London Hospital staff on Friday, January 22, at 8 am in the [Tina and Bill] Helm Conference Room

Rep. Cloutier moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:12 am

Respectfully Submitted,



Rep. John Cloutier, Acting Clerk
Sullivan County Delegation Executive Finance Committee

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